REMARKS

Claims 22-38 remain pending in this application.

Claim 28 has been amended to correct a typographical error and to provide proper antecedent basis. The amendment to claim 28 is consistent with the language of independent claim 22. As such, it is submitted that no issues are raised that would require further consideration and/or search.

The specification has been amended to add the cross-reference to related applications. Since the claim was timely made and was included in the Official Filing Receipt, no petition or surcharge is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

Entry is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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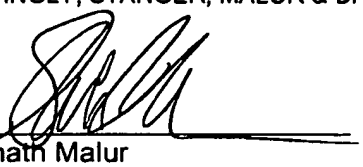

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